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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (canceled).

Claim 2 (currently amended): Method The method according to claim ± 16, wherein the inactive regions (22) are cooled by temperatures on the order of 5 to 20° Celsius more than the active region (27) of the rubber blanket (3) that is covered by the fabric web (9) on the main cylinder (1).

Claim 3 (currently amended): Method The method according to claim ± 16, wherein the amount of heat supplied to the inactive regions (22) during a pass of the rubber blanket on the main cylinder (3) is essentially completely removed again during the same pass.

Claim 4 (currently amended): Method The method according to claim ± 16, wherein the separate cooling of the inactive edge regions (22) takes place starting with the a first pass of the rubber blanket on the main cylinder.

Claim 5 (currently amended): Method The method according to claim ~~4~~ 16, wherein the inactive regions ~~(22)~~ are cooled in stages, preferably according to a type of counter-flow principle.

Claim 6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (currently amended): Rubber The rubber blanket shrinking system according to claim ~~6~~ 17, wherein the ~~additional~~ second cooling device ~~(16, 23)~~ possesses comprises means for spraying on cooling water jets or air jets onto the inactive edge regions ~~(22)~~.

Claim 8 (currently amended): Rubber The rubber blanket shrinking system according to claim ~~6~~ 17, wherein the second cooling device comprises pivoting cooling bars ~~(16, 23)~~ are provided as the ~~additional~~ cooling device.

Claim 9 (currently amended): Rubber The rubber blanket shrinking system according to claim ~~6~~ 17, wherein further comprising at least one sensor ~~(21)~~ assigned to the fabric web edge is provided to control for controlling the width of the rubber blanket region cooled by the ~~additional~~ second cooling device ~~(16, 23)~~, in each instance.

Claim 10 (currently amended): ~~Rubber~~ The rubber blanket shrinking system according to claim 6 17, wherein further comprising flat-jet spray nozzles ~~(37a to e)~~ particularly having a jet that can pivot about the longitudinal jet axis, ~~are provided to apply for applying the first cooling agent.~~

Claim 11 (currently amended): ~~Rubber~~ The rubber blanket shrinking system according to claim 6 17, wherein the second cooling device comprises stationary nozzle bars, wherein are provided as the additional cooling device, whereby at least one nozzle bar ~~(33a to e)~~ is assigned arranged to dispense the second cooling agent to a respective portion of the inactive each edge region-(22).

Claim 12 (currently amended): ~~Rubber~~ The rubber blanket shrinking system according to claim 11, wherein the nozzle bars ~~(33a to e)~~ are disposed parallel to one another and follow one another in the direction ~~(35)~~ towards the center of the rubber blanket.

Claim 13 (currently amended). ~~Rubber~~ The rubber shrinking system according to claim 11, wherein the each nozzle bars (33a to e) possess bar has a different respective number of flat-jet nozzles (37a to e) having a different respective spray angles (wi

~~to w5} angle, the number being at least one and being different for each nozzle bar, and the spray angle being different for each nozzle bar.~~

Claim 14 (currently amended). ~~Rubber~~ The rubber blanket shrinking system according to claim 11, wherein the nozzle bars ~~{33a to e}~~ have an increasing number of flat-jet nozzles ~~{37a to e}~~ from the edge ~~{36}~~ in the direction ~~{35}~~ towards the center of the rubber blanket ~~{37}~~, and ~~that~~ the spray region ~~{38a to e}~~ of the nozzle bars produced by the nozzles is oriented to be flatter from the blanket edge towards the center.

Claim 15 (currently amended). ~~Rubber~~ The rubber blanket shrinking system according to claim 11, wherein each nozzle bar ~~{33a to e}~~ is connected with a collector ~~{31}~~ by way of a shut-off valve ~~{34}~~, and ~~that~~ the nozzle bars can be controlled with the same nozzle equipment, in pairs on the right and the left.

Claim 16 (new): A method for compressive shrinking of a textile fabric web using a rubber blanket shrinking system comprising the steps of:

(a) disposing a mechanically compressed fabric web between an endless rubber blanket and a mantle surface of a heated main cylinder to form active regions of the rubber blanket covered by

the fabric web on the main cylinder and inactive regions of the rubber blanket not covered by the fabric web on the main cylinder; and

(b) cooling an area of the rubber blanket at a location where the area is not in contact with the main cylinder; wherein the inactive regions are cooled separately and to a greater extent after leaving the main cylinder than the active regions.

Claim 17 (new): A rubber blanket shrinking system comprising:

(a) an endless rubber blanket;
(b) a heated main cylinder having a mantle surface, wherein a mechanically compressed fabric web is to be disposed between the endless rubber blanket and the mantle surface of the main cylinder to form active regions of the rubber blanket covered by the fabric web on the main cylinder and inactive edge regions of the rubber blanket not covered by the fabric on the main cylinder having a selected width;

(c) a first cooling device for dispensing a first cooling agent to an area of the rubber blanket at a location where the area is not in contact with the main cylinder; and

(d) a second cooling device for dispensing a second cooling agent to the inactive edge regions after leaving the main

cylinder, the second cooling device being adapted to the width of the inactive edge regions.